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**REMARKS**

The Examiner required restriction between the following two groups:

- I. Claims 1 and 2, as being "drawn to a seal assembly having a first and second nested bodies with a seal, classified in class 277, subclass 603;" and
- II. Claims 5-28, as being "drawn to a seal not a seal assembly....classified in class 277, subclass 628."

Although Applicants do not necessarily agree with the Examiner's restriction requirement, Applicants elect to prosecute Group II, as identified above, to expedite allowance of the present application. Accordingly, Applicants have cancelled claims 1 and 2 without prejudice for possible inclusion in a divisional application.

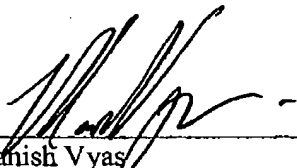
The Examiner additionally required election of species if claim 5-28 of Group II were selected. Again, although Applicants do not necessarily agree with the Examiner's requirement for election, Applicants nonetheless elect to prosecute the claims related to FIG. 1, which are believed to correspond with claims 5-8, 12-16, and 19-28. Accordingly, Applicants have cancelled claims 9-11, 17, and 18 without prejudice for possible inclusion in a divisional application.

Upon entry of the above-discussed amendments, claims 5-8, 12-16, and 19-28 will remain pending in the present application. Respectfully, reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims is requested.

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In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request allowance of all pending claims. If the Examiner believes that a telephonic interview would assistance or advance examination of the present application, the Examiner is sincerely invited to contact the undersigned. Specially, if the Examiner believes additional election of claims is required, Applicants are amenable to potentially accepting such elections telephonically.

Respectfully submitted,

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